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SUBJ: BIODATA ON MASAO KANAZAWA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO UN

1. FOLLOWING IS BIODATA ON MASAO KANAWAWA (55) APPOINTED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO UN ONJULY 1. CAREER DIPLOMAT, KANAWAWA HAS MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO RUMANIA (1972-74).

2. BORN OCTOBER 3, 1918 IN OSAKA, KANAWAWA GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSIRY AND ENTERED MOFA IN 1941. DRAFTED SOON AFTER, HE WAS IN ARMY UNTIL 1946. IN MANCHIRIA AT WAR'S END, HE REPORTDELY AVOIDED CAPTURE BY RUSSIANS BY MAKING HIS WAY TO AMERICAN-OCCUPIED ZONE OF KOREA. LIKE MANY OTHER JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, IN POST-WAR PERIOD, HE WAS DETAILED TO CENTRAL LIASON OFFICE, CONTACT POINT WITH AMERICAN OCCUPATION FORCES. DURING 1950-51 ACADEMIC YEAR, HE WAS GRADUATE STUDENT AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

3.AFTER TOUR IN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN BUREAU 1(1951-54), KANAZAWA WAS POSTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY LONDON (1954-56).

FOLLOWING PROMOTION TO FIRST SECRETARY, HE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO BAGHDAD (1956-58). HE RETURNED TO MOFA IN 1958 AS CHIEF OF MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS SECTION, EURPEAN AND ASIAN BUREAU. IN LATE 1960, HE WAS JAPANESE DELEGATE ADVISOR AT FIFTEENTH UNGA AND FOLLOWING YEAR WAS ASSIGNED TO MOFA SECRETARIAT.

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4. KANAZAWA WAS NEXT POSTED TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY AND THEN COUNSELOR (1962-65). FROM 1966 TO 1967, HE WAS COUNSELOR AND THEN MINISTER IN MANILA. HE SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU (1968-71) AND DIRECTOR GENERAL, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DIVISION (1971-72). (DURING 1970 HE VISITED WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS AID TO CAMBODIA WITH U.S. OFFICIALS, AND IN 1971 HE PARTICIPATED IN US-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS.) IN 1972, HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO RUMANIA, POST HELD UNTIL THIS YEAR.

5. KANAZAWA'S WIFE, KIKUKO, STUDIED AT SACRED HEART WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO. AMBASSADOR KANAZAWA SPEAKS EXCELLANT ENGLISH. ACCORDING TO EMBOFF WHO KNOWS KIM, KANAWAWA IS STIFF AND FORMAL, NOT ONLY IN HIS CONTACT WITH FOREIGNENRS, BUT WITH HIS JAPANESE COLLEAGUES AS WELL.
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